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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



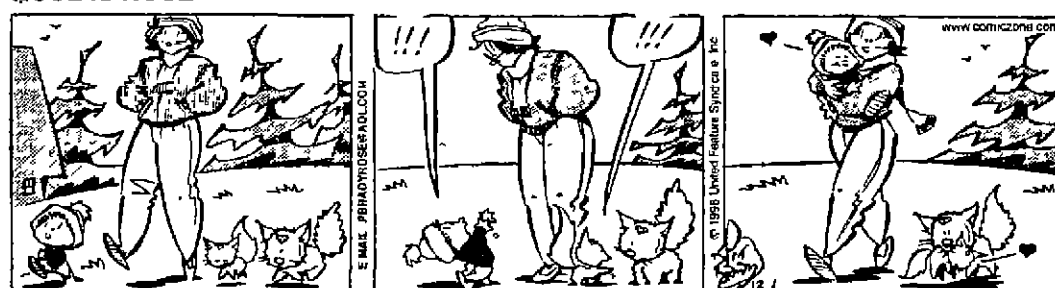
9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



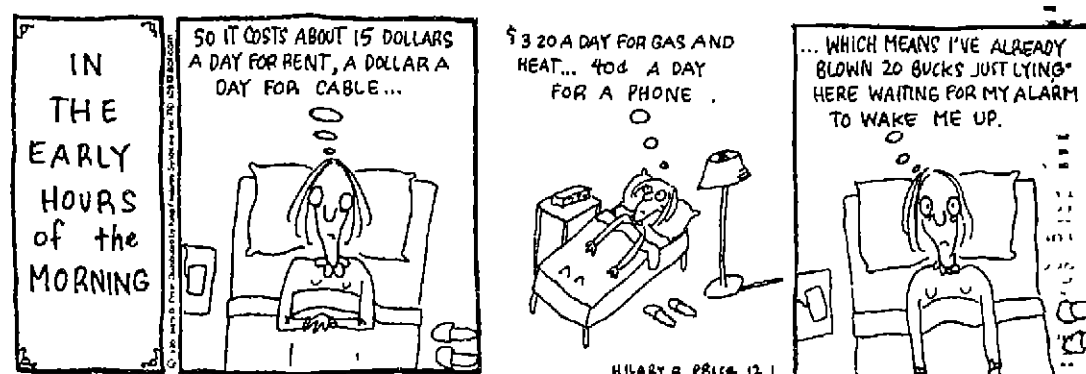
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



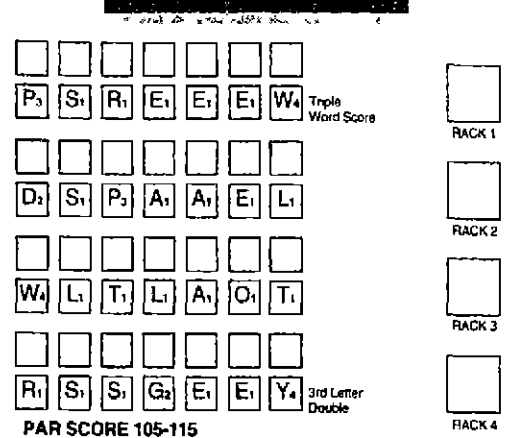
Today's Birthdays

Actor-comedian-director Woody Allen is 63. Singer Lou Rawls is 63. Golfer Lee Trevino is 59. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 59. Comedian-actor Richard Pryor is 58. Country musician Casey Van Beek is 56. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 53. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 52. Actor Treat Williams is 47. Country singer Kim Richey is 42.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 12-1-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Louisiana parishes

AYWTARPMOKIFDBY
WUSQOIMDKIFDBNS
ZEXWUSDQEONLENN
JHTFCATAHOULAOL
SDCTCAEYCWLENIO
VATSEQNPRALRBLCL
NLBKIIYSHUREEFIN
EATIHCAUOVRCBMI
ZYWVNUSFFISRQRL
PNMLUEISACLACEJ
IHFEDCSELLEYOVA

Monday's unlisted clue LIQUOR

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: 16TH PRESIDENT

Acadia	Calcasieu	Lafourche	Tensas
Allen	Catahoula	Orleans	Vermilion
Avoyelles	Iberia	Ouachita	Vernon
Caddo	Lafayette	Sabine	

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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1020

ACROSS

- 1 "Peanuts" boy
- 6 Exile of 1979
- 10 Carry on as a campaign
- 14 Take for one's own
- 18 Shells, e.g.
- 20 Alleged as fact
- 21 With one's fingers in a lake?
- 22 Grand larceny, e.g.
- 23 "Darlin'" (jazz standard)
- 24 Sugary drink
- 25 "Relax, private!"
- 26 Longed (for)
- 28 Adorns unnecessarily
- 31 Toiletines holder
- 32 Brouhaha
- 34 ATM necessity
- 38 Wagnerian heroine
- 39 With one's fingers in a skyscraper?
- 43 Like last year's styles
- 44 Part of U.C.L.A.
- 45 KLM competitor
- 46 Echo, e.g.
- 48 An ex of Xavier
- 50 Bob Cousy's team, for short
- 53 Duds
- 55 "Bravo!"
- 56 Wax producer
- 58 Latino lady
- 62 With one's fingers in a socket?
- 66 Bering Sea island
- 67 At no time, to poets
- 68 Ceramists' needs
- 69 Element #10
- 70 City to which Helen was abducted
- 71 Kind of shooting

DOWN

- 1 Joke response, informally
- 2 — fix (obsession)
- 3 December air
- 4 Send to a mainframe
- 5 Is miserly
- 6 Decline in value
- 7 Seagong mits.
- 8 Evil repeller
- 9 Pueblo dweller
- 10 Kind of chest or paint
- 11 For the birds?
- 12 Hollow rock
- 13 Blew it
- 14 "The Science Guy" on TV
- 15 Ciudad Juárez neighbor
- 24 Similar
- 25 Marathoner's shirt
- 27 Borodin's prince
- 28 Meower, in Madrid
- 29 Matinee hero
- 30 Blaming
- 32 O's and I's to a programmer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CAPRA GLEN PAPP
ALLOT EAVE ABIE
YOU CANT HAVE YOUR
SUMO OUR ALMOST
CROP IDLE
ACHOO TRAINMAN
CHA DETRE ETUDE
AIRS SAINT STOP
SLEEK SPEAR ERA
TIMEOUTS HANDEL
DARE LIME
SHEILA CAT PISH
KATE AND EDITH TOO
TRAS URAL HELLO
MELT SYNE OWLET

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Take a "just the facts, ma'am" approach to communication — no soliloquies, please!
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Skip the heavy stuff for the time being, and try to find somebody to play with.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't be alarmed if you see a stranger in the mirror: it's you, armed with more power and vivacious charm than any one person should have.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Focus on the details in whatever you're doing to shut out the noise.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Get all your friends on the line, and invite them to party at your house.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) This is a good time to practice conversation skills, but don't let your tongue run wild.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Seek out intellectual stimulation wherever it might lie.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Life is full of contradictions, and most of them will show up for you at this time.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Whatever the actual weather, it's a rainy day inside your head.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Although you try to be the calm eye in a hurricane of idle chatter, don't worry if you get sucked into the storm.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Your playful side manifests itself in creative conversation, and your word games might lead to a more intimate connection.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) It's time to stay at home, or at least to stay close to your emotional center.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

Any pair holding all the high cards can bid a slam. Few can reach a slam without pinpointing vital suits, controls. Study how a top partnership would reach today's grand slam. North's jump raise promises 15-18 HCP and sets trumps. Holding 15 HCP, South knows he's in the slam zone and begins the probe to see how high to go safely. South begins with a four-club bid to promise first-round club control (usually the ace). North bids four diamonds to promise his ace and continued interest. South's five diamonds shows the diamond king. (The second cue-bid in a suit promises second-round control.) North, visualizing the solidity of his long diamond suit, continues the probe by cue-bidding his spade ace. As five spades forces to the six-level, North would merely bid the small slam if that were his limited interest. Logically, five spades expresses interest in a grand slam. South cooperates by showing his club king, and when North bids six diamonds to emphasize good diamonds and further interest, South waters that his king and queen of trumps are worth their weight in gold. Confidently, he bids the grand slam and has no problem scoring 13 tricks.

NORTH
♠ A 7
♥ A J 10 4
♦ A Q 10 5
♣ J 4

WEST
♠ K Q 9 8
♥ 8 5 3
♦ 9 7
♣ 10 8 3 2

EAST
♠ J 5 4 3 2
♥ 9 7
♦ 6 5 2
♣ A K 6 5

Vulnerable North South Dealer North

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♥	All pass

Opening lead: Spade king